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ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

Charged at the Magistracy to-day with being in unlawful possession of 60 lbs. of brown sugar, an old Chinaman said it had been given him by his master. The latter appeared in Court and said the stuff was the belongings from a quantity of sugar bags which he gave the old man. Defendant was discharged.

A "boy" employed by Mr. Crofton, of the Colonial Secretary's Office, was given some money to pay a private bill of his master's, but instead of fulfilling the duty himself he handed the money over to a colic to do so. The latter spent it, but was later arrested, and at the Magistracy to-day he was sentenced to two months' hard labour and six hours' stocks.

THE OSAKA FIRE.

We gather from the Japan Chronicle that the principal buildings destroyed in the fire which devastated Osaka on July 31, August 1st and 2nd, included the following:

Osaka Law Courts.
Temma Post-office.
Omatsuri Theatre.
Omatsuri Shrine.
North Ward Office.
North Police Station.
Osaka Tenjin Shrine.
Kwaiei Hospital.
Dojima Rice Exchange.
Osaka Nippon Bank.
Kitahama Bank (Dojima branch).
Fukuzo Theatre.
Japan Savings Bank (Dojima branch).
Higher Commercial School.
Governor's official residence.
Dojima Higher Elementary School for Girls (partially destroyed).
Gohyaku-rakka Temple.
Nippon Cotton Spinning Company's operatives' quarters.
Commercial Museum.
Four elementary schools.

LOSERS OF THE INSURANCE OFFICES.
The losses of the fire-insurance offices are of course not yet accurately ascertained, but the total amount of property insured in the area destroyed by the fire is roughly as follows:

Nippon Fire	Y2,000,000
Tokyo Fire	2,000,000
Meiji Fire	1,000,000
Yokohama Fire	700,000
Kyodo Fire	900,000
Kobe Marine and Fire	600,000
Osaka Fire	300,000

Total Y7,500,000

The loss of each company is estimated as follows:

Nippon Fire	Y1,300,000
Tokyo Fire	1,000,000
Meiji Fire	700,000
Yokohama Fire	300,000
Kyodo Fire	400,000
Kobe Marine and Fire	400,000
Osaka Fire	150,000

The Hakodate fire raged 22 hours and the houses destroyed numbered 12,000. The present fire in Osaka raged for 25 hours and did considerably more damage, so that the loss of the insurance offices must be much larger.

The whole of the Osaka Army Division as well as reinforcements of Engineering companies from other centres, were occupied in combating the flames. They were mostly occupied in breaking down houses in the path of the fire. This was done by hand tools, the suggestion of the military authorities to use dynamite not being agreed to by the Governor of Osaka. The opinion was also expressed that if the Nishi-Temmu Primary School, an extensive building in the rear of which a score of sake godowns stood, had been broken down before the flames had reached it, the further progress of the fire would have been arrested. But the Mayor of Osaka announced his inability to give the desired permission. The fire reached the building, destroyed the sake godowns, as already reported, and thus gained an enormous impetus. This was early on Saturday afternoon. The fire raged for fourteen hours after this and destroyed about six or seven times as much after this time as it had before.

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HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the
31st day of August, 1908, at Noon, for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the
Court of Directors together with a State-
ment of Accounts to 30th June 1908.
The REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Corporation will be CLOSED from MON-
DAY, the 9th August to SATURDAY, the
21st August, 1908, (both days inclusive),
during which period no transfer of Shares
can be registered.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, July 31, 1908.

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31st August, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors and the Statement of Accounts
to the 30th June, 1908.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 9th to
the 23rd August, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
GEO. A. CALDWELL,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, July 10, 1909.

TAIWAN ISLAND.

(Specially written for the "China Mail.")
The estuary of the Dragon River, in
which the town and island of Amoy stand,
together with its satellite, Kulangan, is
guarding on its southern seaward side from
the wild storms of the China Sea by a
chain of islands, like a boom across the
bay. Only two or three of them can be
said to be inhabited, though most of them
are much frequented by fishermen. On
two of them are lighthouses, guides to the
entrance to and the exit from the Port of
Amoy. On Song-shan (Chih-shan), Star Island,
is a fixed light, like a fixed star, pointing
out the deepest channel that steamers
must use if they are to avoid the
perils of the passage. The only population
on this diminutive island are those
whose constant duty is the care of the
lighthouse, and the foreman in charge.
Mr. Botelho, will show any stray visitor
with great pride the Lighthouse clock
presented to him years ago when he helped
to save the passengers of the s.s. Hangchow
that unfortunately ran on to the rocks
below.

In a straight line due east from Senaga,
with four or five small rocky islands of
varying sizes in between, lies the more
pretentious island of Taitan. Its name
means "the great burden," "the big load,"
called thus because from above, as a bird
sees it, it exactly resembles a Chinese
coolie's couple of loads, joined by a
strip of sand corresponding to the pole
that carries the two bundles. On the hill
facing the outer sea, some 300 feet high,
stands another lighthouse, with a revol-
ving light, a long interval of light followed
by a short dark interval, with two
short dark intervals between each period
of light. This is in charge of a trustworthy
Chinaman, who has proved his reliability by
living there already some 15 years, and he
and his two sons have full responsibility.
Everything is kept in perfect order and all
is spotlessly clean. The whitewashed
lighthouse and "living houses" with the
signal staff form a conspicuous object in
the landscape, and a standing proof that
the Chinese can be taught the duty and
advantage of cleanliness and neatness.

On the hill forming the other load, con-
sisting really of three small hills each about
100 feet high, are only two residences—
one a picturesque small Buddhist Temple,
nestling S.W., towards the Great Southern
Sentinel, Lamtai Bu, which guards the
coastline for many miles north and south
of Amoy. To all whose duties call them
to journey between Hongkong and Shang-
hai, or to the coast ports in between, the
massive proportions of this noble mountain,
1800 feet high, crowned with its famous
Pagoda, are well known. And to those
who frequent Amoy, passing in and out of
its beautiful estuary, the quiet loveliness
of this little Temple, embosomed amongst its
green trees, decorated with varied colours,
and set off by the golden sands below,—is a
welcome and memorable sight.

But to the Lighthouse and the Temple,
the presence of foreigners in Amoy has
added a third, building on the island of Tai-
tan—a type of western civilization on the
temple is typical of the East. Some thirty
odd years ago a few of the merchants,
consuls, and other residents of Amoy
seeking some relief from the torrid heat of
Amoy and Kulangan in the summer season,
formed themselves into a Club and built a
bungalow upon the island: not without the
usual difficulties where the purchase of
land is concerned in China, for Taitan was
neither Amoy nor the mainland. If we
ever, the obstacles were removed, the house
was built, and it has proved a priceless
boom to many a fabled soul since then.
The house is the property of the Chinese
Government, which is responsible for all
repairs and painting but the running
expenses are borne by the members of the
Club. Some ten or twelve years ago
membership was thrown open to all
foreigners in Amoy, and we now have
manhood suffrage, and this includes the fair
sex also. For the foreign ladies of Amoy, so
far as this Club is concerned, have already
obtained that for which their suffering
down-trodden (!) sisters in the Home land
seek in vain. The house consists
of a central dining room with two bedrooms
on each side, flanked with bathrooms at
each end, and the whole fronted with a
twelve-foot verandah, facing S.E., and look-
ing towards the Lighthouse, across the cres-
cent-shaped bay. We are only eight miles
S.E. of Amoy, for quiet and restfulness
we might be one hundred miles away. The
temperature is always a few degrees cooler
than Amoy: the daily monsoon starts half-
an-hour earlier, and lingers an hour or so
longer; there are no blatant noises, other
than the thunder of the waves upon the
shore: there are no unpleasant odours to
offend the olfactory nerves: life takes on a
"dolce far niente" atmosphere; "laissez
faire" seems the most fit and appropriate
attitude to adopt: in a word, one is for-
gotten, and past and future merge into a
present that takes no heed of anything but
the joys of the moment.

The Eastern bay is formed of hard sand
gently sloping to the sea, giving
perfectly safe bathing to all, even to
those who are only just learning to swim
and who are afraid to venture far out.
The S.W. bay is almost as good for bath-
ing, but only at high tide, since at low
tide there is too much mud. On the sand
dunes, blown up between the bays, hun-
dreds of shells are visible and it affords a
change of amusement, especially to the
youngsters, to pick up, classify specimens
and vie with each other as to whose col-
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specimens. A very fair golf course could
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nails strong, and the hair black, and
the eyes bright, and the nails strong,
and the hair black, and the eyes bright,
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Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, second son
of the late Surgeon F. M. Richard, late
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Smith, widow of the late H. Smith,
Colonel, third daughter of the late John
Smidley.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.
Miscellaneous
Goods per *Hutchinson* not cleared on
this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, August 13.—
Goods per *Asia* undelivered at noon on
this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, August 14.—
11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, etc., at No. 8, Fairview, Nathan
Road, Kowloon.

MONDAY, August 16.—
5.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, at "Cornhill," Quarry Bay.
Goods per *Karanga* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, August 17.—
Goods per *Budow* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.
Goods per *Borneo* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, August 19.—
3 p.m.—Auction of Steam Launches and
Moulds Queen's Statue Wharf.

SATURDAY, August 21.—
10 a.m.—Meeting of The Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation at the
City Hall.

MONDAY, August 23.—
Noon—Meeting of Hongkong & Whan-
poo Dock Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1909.

TURKEY AND CRETE.

It seems highly probable that had
ABDEL HAMID remained Sultan of
Turkey, the Christian population of
Crete would have seen their fondest
hopes fulfilled at the close of July when
the controlling Powers removed their
soldiers from the island. The Powers
of Europe, judging by their attitude in

the spring, were quite agreeable to a
further dismemberment of the Turkish
dominions and would certainly have
raised no serious objection to Crete
passing over to the kingdom of Greece.
As for Greece she would have had
no objection whatever to an increase
in her territories and would have
gladly welcomed the Cretans into the
Grecian fold. But the deposition of the
old Sultan has quite spoiled these very
interesting dreams. With the coming
into power of a new régime at Con-
stantinople the political prospects all
over the Levant have been very
materially changed. The Young Turks
—or rather the Committee of Union
and Progress—who now control the
situation viewed with an exceeding
great bitterness the annexation of
Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria and
the acknowledgment by the Powers
of the independence of the Prince
of Bulgaria, henceforth to be known
as TSAR FERDINAND, was a further
cause of great disappointment to
them. But they were impatient at the
time for the old Sultan's removal had
not yet been accomplished and their
own heads were in considerable danger
of parting summarily with their
shoulders. To-day, however, they are
in a different position and any talk
of further dismemberment of the Turkish
dominions they are fully prepared to
meet by opposing not only verbal
protest but also physical force. The
Turkish army to-day is in much better
shape than it was in 1897, and even
then it had no difficulty whatever in
crumpling up the Greek forces, so that
Greek prospects in any conflict with
the Turk would seem anything but
hopeful. Greece evidently realises this
too, for she has induced Austria to
intervene at Constantinople in the
cause of peace. Perfectly willing to
accept whatever good things the gods
may tumble into her lap, she yet is not
prepared to do anything in the fighting
line for the possession of the Cretan
apple. Therein she shows much worldly
wisdom.

The situation, however, must be very
galling to the Cretans. The courageous
islanders can never be said to have
accepted the Turkish yoke. Conquered
by the Turks in 1669 after a most an-
tiquary series of campaigns, the island
has risen in revolt again and again.
Only one-tenth of the population are
Moslems, the rest, numbering 250,000
souls, are Christians, and all these are
burning to throw in their lot with Greece.
In 1898 the state of anarchy prevailing
in the island had become such a scandal
that the Concert of Europe set up a
system of autonomy under the nominal
sovereignty of the Sultan, the King of
Greece being given the privilege of
nominating the High Commissioner.
The first to fill the position was Prince
George of Greece, who was not exactly
a success. He was followed by Mr.
ZALUS, a former Prime Minister of
Greece, under whose rule the island has
prospered exceedingly. The period for
which the Powers of Europe held them-
selves responsible for the good govern-
ing of the island has now expired and
all the foreign military detachments
with their officers have been removed
save in the case of the Greeks who fill
various positions in the gendarmerie
and the customs service. It was
upon Turkey demanding the dis-
missal of these officers that the present
crisis arose. Greece disclaimed
all responsibility in the matter
saying that the question was
really one for the great Powers to
decide at the same time she pointed
out to the angry Turks that she had
taken no official notice of the action of
the House of Assembly at Candia which
had voted last October for the hoisting
down of the Turkish flag, the hoisting
of the Greek and immediate alliance
with the Greek Kingdom. Turkey,
however, is in a highly sensitive state
of nerves just now and from the first
took up a rather bellicose attitude. The
immediate effect of the crisis will be
we imagine that Crete will remain an
appanage of Turkey, but the aspirations
of the minority necessarily given

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A general strike is paralyzing work
throughout Sweden, 250,000 men being
involved and the food supply is threatened.

The Russian troops will be withdrawn
from Persia as soon as order is permanently
restored. Much hangs on that word per-
manently.

The Prince Regent has impressed upon
the new Viceroy of Canton the necessity
of speedily raising the money necessary to
carry out the railway schemes in Kwan-
tung.

Four lighters belonging to the Asiatic
Petroleum Company containing kerosene
oil were destroyed by fire at Kaitung on
August 6. The flames were seen for a dis-
tance of thirty miles.

Louis Bleriot, the French aeronaut,
has challenged the Wright Brothers to a
race in aeroplanes. It is suggested that
the race takes place at Seattle and the
prize be \$25,000.

Shanghai papers report that Mr. A.
Oppenheim-Gerard, chief shipping clerk
of the Standard Oil Co., committed suicide
by shooting himself in the head with a
revolver while up the Soochow Creek.
The body was recovered by the River
Police and conveyed to the Mortuary.
The deceased, who had been very nervous
of late, leaves a widow and family.

The Admiralty announce the appoint-
ment of—Captain J. Nicholas, to the
Flora, additional, to date July 27, and
on recommissioning, additional, undated.
Lieutenants—C. H. Woodward, to the
Nightingale, M. H. Wilding, to the Wood-
lark. Engineer Commander F. W. High-
ton, to the Tamar, additional, as chief
engineer, Hongkong Yard, to date July 8.

Mr. W. F. Tyler, Coast Inspector of
the I.M.C. gives notice that the accepta-
nce by China of the "International Regulations
for Preventing Collisions at Sea," which
came into operation on the 1st July, 1907,
may be held as having been in regard to
Chinese vessels of foreign type only. Native
vessels of native type do not, for the pre-
sent, come under the operation of these
Regulations. This Notice explains "Notice
to Mariners, No. 308," in the wording of
which some obscurity has been found.

A serious accident took place on 7th
July on the Mountain Railway as the
White City, at Earl's Court, resulting in
injuries to several passengers. While one
of the trains was proceeding at a speed of
about five miles an hour round a level
curve the front bogie jumped the rails,
turning the train over. The occupants
were flung against the rockwork which
bounded the track, and the driver, John
Dickson, was thrown with violence against
the rockery, being picked up unconscious.
The majority of the passengers had mar-
vellous escapes, and several suffered slight
injuries to the head and face, but apart
from cuts and a severe shaking, they were
otherwise unharmed. The Mountain Rail-
way resumed running about twenty minutes
after the accident.

The profit made by the Royal Dutch
Petroleum Co., which has its principal
sphere of work in Sumatra, amounted to
over 13 millions of guilders in 1908, there
being only a slight falling-off compared with
1907. A dividend of 25 per cent. has been
declared. The company has been aroused
by the enormous share in the profits drawn
by the five managing directors. Their
yearly perquisites came to 140,000 guilders
each. The board now proposes to allow
them no more than 80,000 guilders each,
but only on condition that compensation
be allowed the managing directors by giving
each of them 140 shares in the company.
The managing directors have raised no
difficulty to this arrangement. A dividend
of 25 per cent. to ordinary shareholders
was declared for 1908.

Great indignation has been aroused in
Toronto at the conduct of a party
of American sightseers. They hired a coach
which they professedly adorned with the
Stars and Stripes and tied two British
flags to the rear hubs so that they dragged
in the dirt. The occupants in high glee
over their childish prank drove up the main
street and even to the Parliament buildings,
constantly pointing down at the bedraggled
flags. The police were appealed to and
asked to arrest the occupants, but they
declined saying that the owners of a flag
could use it as they liked. Immediately
after the incident a deputation of prominent
citizens called upon the Mayor and pre-
sented against the insult. One of the most
emphatic among the deputation declared
that "the time has come when no person
should be allowed to insult the British flag
in Canada." Others spoke in a similar
strain, and as a result the Mayor issued an
order to the Police Department to prevent
any further such exhibition of disrespect
toward the British flag.

INFANTILE OBOLERA.

ANY annual boom of infantile
cholera during the hot weather would
be a warning to the authorities. Infantile
cholera is a disease which is not only
fatal but also very contagious. It is a
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very contagious. It is a disease which is
not only fatal but also very contagious.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Reuter has been silent the last week
regarding affairs in Morocco, but we learn
from Shanghai papers that the Spanish
army, aided by balloons, have been doing
considerable hurt to the Moorish forces
outside Mella.

Japanese papers are talking about a
new railway to run between Chongchun and
Kia via Chientao. We rather suspect
that following the famous Fukumen pre-
cedent, Russia would veto this scheme as
coming into competition with her railway.

Under the title of "An appeal on be-
half of the Government and people of
China," there has been issued in booklet
form the speech of H. E. Tang Kai-Sun
submitting the resolutions of the Chinese
delegation to the International Commission
on Opium at Shanghai. A commendatory
preamble by leaders of religious thought in
Great Britain is also included. The book-
let sells at 3d.

The following have been appointed to
the Flora on recommissioning—Lieutenants
E. G. D. S. Jukes-Hughes (G), E. V.
Gray, and A. J. Landon; Sub-Lieutenant
R. C. Garnie; Staff Paymaster F. W. F.
Vining and Assistant Paymaster G. H. A.
Crouch, and Surgeon A. T. Rivers. The
foregoing in the Terrible for voyage out.

We are afraid that so far as the sub-
sidy coinage question is concerned the
Government of Hongkong may be com-
pared to the deaf adder which stoppeth
his ears. Mr. Shaw's apt definition of the
Colonial as Ignorance, the new crouching
between two burdens, is very apt—the
burden of taxation and the burden of the
looses caused by the subsidiary coinage,
but it will bring no blush to the brazen
cheek of officialdom.

Chinese porcelain continues to grow in
favour in the London auction mart. At
Christie's, £2,730 was paid for two small
Kang-Hi baskers 15½ in. high, enameled
with peonies, peonies, chrysanthemums,
lotus plants, and rocks, in famille verte
and aubergine, on black ground. Other
objects sold included an old Chinese twelve-
leaf lacquered screen, Kang-Hi, £239; and
an old Chinese six-leaf lacquer screen,
£178 10s.

There has been steady and persistent
buying of Shell Transport shares, and the
shares have advanced. Buying comes from
such well-informed quarters that it is gen-
erally assumed some development will shortly
be announced which will explain recent
heavy purchases. This seems to have come
in a cablegram announcing a new strike of
oil in Kotei, on the east coast of Borneo.
There are likewise rumours of closer con-
nection with the Standard Oil of the
Petroleum Company, with which the Shell
Petroleum works, will get a seat on the
board of the Standard Oil Company, and
that one or two representatives of the latter
will join the board of the Royal Dutch.
L. & O. Express.

It is reported that the fifth cruiser
squadron of the British Navy has been
assigned to attend the Hudson-Fulton
celebration to be held at New York on
September 25 to October 9, next. The
squadron consists of four ships, namely:
The Drake, Argyle, Duke of Edinburgh
and Black Prince. They will be under the
command of Rear-Admiral Frederick T.
Hamilton, who will be official repre-
sentative of His Majesty's Government at
the American celebration. All of the ships
are of the armoured cruiser class, and
three of them, the Black Prince, Duke of
Edinburgh and Argyle, were put into com-
mission only three years ago; so that they
represent some of the latest type of
British naval architecture. Rear-Admiral
Hamilton, has had a long and distinguished
career.

It is believed by a large number of
Koreans, says the Seoul Press, that Tangu,
the famed founder of Korea, is none other
than Suanno-on-mikoto, brother of Am-
sterdam-omi-lami, who founded the Empire
of Japan. To these Koreans, Japan and
Korea are therefore sister nations and it is
no cause for wonder to them that the
former has taken the protection of the lat-
ter upon her shoulders. They have
organised an association among themselves,
which now boasts of a roll of membership
reaching as many as 3,000 names. It is
now being proposed by them to elect Mr.
Yun Tal-yun, and Mr. Yi Chai-suk Presi-
dent and Vice-President respectively and
also to organise a tourist party to Japan
once every year with the view of travelling
to see to worship at the Great Shrine in
that province, where the relics of the Im-
perial Ancestor of Japan are enshrined.

LAUNCHES IN COLLISION.

Before Lieut. Beckwith, R.N., Acting
Harbour Master, an inquiry was held at
the Marine Court, to-day, into the cir-
cumstances attending the collision of the
steam launch *Lee To* and *Yee Zan*, which
occurred at 12.30 p.m. on July 29th off
West Point.

The Court found that the collision was
caused by the wrongful act of the owner-
men of the *Lee To* in altering his course
without warning and giving the wrong signal.
The Court ordered that Lieut. Lee To's
license be suspended for one month and
that he be fined £50. The Court also
ordered that the *Yee Zan* be fined £50
and that the owner be fined £50.

(Continued.)

THE TROUBLE IN CRETE.

GREECE DESIRES PEACE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, August 10.
The reply, from Greece to the Porte's
Note asserts that the Greeks desire the
friendliest and closest relations with Tur-
key, and points out Greek enthusiasm
over the new régime in Turkey. Greece
trusts that a frank understanding with
regard to Crete will dissipate misunder-
standings between the two countries.

THE MEN BEHIND THE
SUBLINE PORTE.

LONDON, August 11.
The prospects of a peaceful settle-
ment of the Cretan question are im-
proving. There is a strong feeling that
the Constantinople Government are
acting under strong pressure from the
Committee of Union and Progress,
which is stated to be encouraging
demonstrations hostile to the Greeks
and in favour of war.

THE BRITISH BUDGET.

ANOTHER OBJECTIONABLE
CLAUSE DROPPED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, August 11.
In the course of the Budget debate
the Government intimated that it would
omit Clause 12 of the Finance Bill pro-
viding a tax on untaxed minerals and
substitute an alternate clause later,
which, it is believed, will be a tax on
royalties.

KING LEAVES FOR
MARIENBAD.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, August 11.
King Edward has started for
Marienbad.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales
has been appointed an admiral of the Rus-
sian Navy.
Princess Fushimi, Jr., has decided to
embark for London on the M. D. L. Prinz
Eitel Friedrich on Sept. 25, instead of
taking the N. Y. K. steamer *Atsuta Maru*
on Sept. 8.
Mr. George Butler, who first came out to
Shanghai as a chaperon for a Greek firm
in 1886, is leaving China for good. The other
day the team of Shanghai presented him
with a silver bowl as a parting gift.

Advises from St. Petersburg state that
it is announced that the Sultan will visit
the Tsar at Livadia in September. The
Tsar will pay a return visit in October,
en route for Naples to meet the King and
Queen of Italy.

The Master of Elibank, speaking in the
House of Commons on July 27 said: "In
recognition of the long and excellent
services of Sir W. Curzon-Wyllie, and in
view of the circumstances of his death,
Lord Morley has decided, with the
unanimous approval of the Council of India,
to grant his widow a special pension of
£500 per annum." In reply to Dr. Butler,
he said that the pension would be
granted from the Indian revenue because
Sir Curzon-Wyllie served his whole life
in India.

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JAPANESE TARIFF
REVISION.

(Independent News Agency's Service to
the China Mail.)
Tokyo, August 10.
The Financial Department are draft-
ing a scheme of tariff revision, the
result of which is expected to show a
reduction of thirteen million yen.

DISCOVERY OF A CORAL
ISLAND.

(Independent News Agency's Service to
the China Mail.)
Tokyo, August 10.
A great coral island, nine miles in
circumference, has been discovered off
the Shigezaki coast of Nagasaki pre-
fecture. Its total value is estimated at
three million yen and the discovery has
caused a drop in the market of 30 per
cent.

THE OSAKA FIRE.

INSURANCE COMPANIES
PROMPTLY PAYING.
(Independent News Agency's Service to
the China Mail.)
Tokyo, August 10.
The fire insurance companies, in
spite of their heavy losses, are paying
all claims promptly in connection with
the Osaka fire, thus increasing the
general credit.

THE MACAO BOUNDARY
COMMISSION.

NO CONCLUSION AT PRESENT.
(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)
Peking, August 10.
H. E. Ko Erh-shin, the commissioner
appointed to inquire into the question
of the Macao Boundary delimitation,
telegraphs to the Board of Foreign
Affairs that several discussions have
taken place with the Portuguese Com-
missioner but no conclusion can be
arrived at for the present.

CHINA'S NEW NAVY.

A QUESTION OF TEN YEARS.
(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)
Peking, August 10.
Prince Shun and Admiral So, the
Ministers appointed to reorganize the
Navy, have informed the Throne that
the work can be completed in 10 years.

STUDENTS AND
POLITICS.

A WISE RULE.
(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)
Peking, August 10.
The Board of Education has framed
a rule that students shall not be per-
mitted to meddle with political matters.

THEFTS.

The police have been informed by Mr.
Shanman, store-keeper, residing at 7 Cook
Street, Hingmum, that on the 31st of July,
while his effects were being removed from
Kowloon Dock, a "boy" absconded with
a bag, having a silver mouth piece, the
property of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.
A report has been received by the police
from Mr. H. K. Muller, who is staying at
the Club Germania, that a square silver
cigarette case has been stolen from an open
drawer in his dressing table.
The second officer of this a.s. Haiyang,
Mr. Henry Murphy, had \$67 stolen from a
drawer in his cabin during the morning of
August 10th. Suspicion falls on a "boy,"
who since has made himself scarce.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1909.

THE ICE WARRANTY CASE.

Contention for the Defence.

A fifth day was occupied by the Chief Justice (Sir F. Pigott) and the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) on Wednesday in hearing the action brought by the Hongkong Ice Works, Ltd., of which Mr. Horace Percy Smith is a liquidator, against Messrs. Arnold Kacherg and Co. for a sum of \$100,000 damages for alleged breach of warranty by the defendants under an agreement to supply an ice-making plant warranted to produce ice of a specified quality.

Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., and Mr. M. W. Slade (instructed by Messrs. Hastings and Hastings) were for plaintiffs; and Mr. Duncan McNeill, of Shanghai, and Mr. C. G. Alabaster (instructed by Mr. E. W. Looker, of Messrs. Descon, Looker and Descon), appeared for the defendants.

Before the address for the defence was resumed, the Chief Justice said that with reference to their visit to the Ice Works yesterday it seemed to him that it would be very convenient, and might save discussion, if both parties were to agree as to what they observed, because one side might have observed one thing and the other side something else, while they (their Lordships) might have observed other things.

Mr. McNeill—I think it would be of great assistance to us.

Mr. Slade—I would do anything I can to assist your Lordships, but surely the thing is what your Lordships observed.

The Chief Justice said he would prefer that the parties stated what they individually observed. There were two or three things he saw which perhaps the Puisne Judge did not, and there might also have been some points which the Puisne Judge observed but which he (the Chief Justice) did not. On putting a block of the Milling Co.'s ice down the centre, certain things were observed. For example, the needles did not come out in a bunch as they appeared to at first, but there were four main groups going to the four ends. Those were what he called the major needles and in between there were minor needles. That was an important fact.

Mr. Slade—My difficulty in this. I can state perfectly well the facts which I observed, but I don't know whether we are to do it independently.

The Chief Justice—There would only be about half a dozen facts.

The Puisne Judge said there were certain things presented to them at the Ice Works, and his idea was that while these things were fresh in their minds it would be a good thing if they suggested the inferences they wished drawn therefrom.

Mr. McNeill—We might hand these to your Lordships in hand-writing, I suppose?

The Chief Justice—Yes; that is what I mean.

Mr. McNeill then proceeded to address the Court on behalf of defendants. He said he would like to call attention to the fact that there was no evidence on which their Lordships could fairly act as to the kind of ice which was in 1907 being manufactured by the Hongkong Ice Company. Mr. Haxton had told them that he took up an existing system and carried it on according to his instructions as to how it had been carried on before. Beyond that there was no evidence that could constitute any evidence on which their Lordships could fairly act. The warranty was to produce ice of the same quality as was then (in 1907) being made by the Hongkong Ice Company.

Mr. Slade said he was under the impression that he asked Mr. Haxton a question as to whether the ice made by the Ice Co. in 1907 was the same as now and he said it was.

Mr. McNeill referred to Mr. Alabaster's notes, and said it was so, that Mr. Haxton declared that the ice was the same. But he submitted that in view of the fact that this was a matter of opinion their Lordships should have some of that particular ice before them before coming to a conclusion.

Sir Henry Berkeley—The ice is all gone. Continuing, Mr. McNeill said the plaintiffs had been treating the warranty as an absolutely binding agreement to supply ice identical with that manufactured by the Ice Co., but he contended that the warranty between Mr. Rennie and Jardine, Matheson and Co. was of no such serious a kind. He also suggested that when the parties entered into it they did not care whether it was carried out or not. Mr. Rennie was glad to have a market for his ice, but if Jardine, Matheson and Co., having bought him to supply ice of the same quality as that of the Ice Co., did not take it, Mr. Rennie was prepared to find a market for it himself.

The Puisne Judge—Where do you get that?

Mr. McNeill—I get that from the fact that Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. got from Mr. Rennie what was almost a threat to come into competition with them. And the refusal of the Ice Co. to allow Mr. Rennie to inspect the ice they were then making strongly supports the suggestion that Jardine, Matheson did not care about Mr. Rennie being able to perform his part of the contract.

Continuing, Mr. McNeill said the inspection of the comparative ice was made at a time when the plant had not been taken over in complete working order by the plaintiffs, and was therefore inconclusive for the purpose of showing any breach of warranty on the part of defendants. He would further state that the defendants were prevented by the wrongful action of the plaintiffs from

even carrying out the work, and as provided for by the contract. Defendants believed this claim was an attempt to insist on their doing something they were never meant to do, and which the plaintiffs never intended them to do. Proceeding, Mr. McNeill contended that "purity" did not mean transparency. The Milling Co.'s ice was what he should call "sparkling" ice, being brilliantly crystallized. The point was what clearness meant. He would not say that when one asked for transparent ice one asked for clear ice. It seemed to him more likely that what was wanted was that quality of brilliancy which the Milling Co.'s ice had.

The Chief Justice—It struck me yesterday that if a lady wanted an ornamental ice block for her table, and had one of the Milling Co.'s blocks, all her guests would say how pretty it was.

Mr. McNeill agreed, adding that the Milling Co.'s ice was more brilliant than the Ice Co.'s personally if he wanted a piece of ice for use with a drink he should prefer this sparkling ice manufactured by the Milling Co. He contended that all that Jardine, Matheson and Co. wanted was saleable ice, and no-one would say that this ice was unsaleable.

Eventually the case was again adjourned.

ARMED ROBBERY.

A case of armed robbery has been reported from Kowloon Tong. It occurred on Tuesday night, when four robbers, one armed with a chopper and the others carrying lighted torches, entered a house. They bound up an old woman and tied her two daughters together, after which they turned their attention to the effects of the dwelling house, eventually decamping with clothes and hangles to the value of \$23.

DRUNKENNESS AND CRIME.

Intent Must Be Proved.

Gunner Stewart, of the R.G.A., was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazell at the Magistrate's today, with stealing a bottle of whisky from a compendore's shop at 107, Queen's Road East.

An accountant in the shop stated that on Sunday evening defendant came to the shop unaccompanied. He looked at the wines and spirits and then took up a bottle of whisky. He enquired the price and witness told him \$1.70. Defendant then walked off with the bottle in his possession. Witness sent a foki after him to ask him for the money, but he refused. Then witness went to him and asked for the whisky. Defendant however still refused. Witness then blew a whistle and called a European constable, telling him what had happened. Defendant declared that he had bought the whisky, but witness told the constable that he had not paid any money. Thereupon the constable asked defendant to hand back the bottle, but he refused, saying, "I want a drink." When he entered the shop, defendant was not very drunk, nor yet very sober.

P. C. Glendonning stated that when he was called defendant was standing just outside the shop with the bottle of whisky under his arm. On complainant's statement that defendant had not paid for it, witness arrested him. Defendant had been drinking but was not very drunk. On the way to the station defendant said he used to work at the distillery where that particular brand of whisky was made; it was good whisky and that was why he wanted it.

Inspector Kerr said when defendant was brought to the Station he was so drunk that witness did not take any statement from him.

Defendant said all he knew was that he was drunk; he knew nothing about the theft of the whisky. He did not even remember going into the shop. He had been drinking a good deal that afternoon but how much he had drunk he did not know; he "didn't keep count."

His Worship said the case raised the rather difficult question as to how far drunkenness was to be taken into consideration with respect to crime. The rough and ready rule was that drunkenness was no excuse for crime, but there were certain crimes where the intent precedent to the crime being committed had to be taken into consideration. After quoting a standard case on the point, his Worship said in that case the prosecution had not satisfied him that there was a felonious intent at the moment defendant took the whisky, and therefore he would be discharged.

While Mr. William Grace, of Hampstead, was walking on the sea-wall at Osea Island, Maldon, Essex, his straw hat was blown into the river. He addressed and swam after it, but when returning he was seized with cramp and sank.

The Pioneer learns that there is some uncertainty as to whether Sir Charles Wyndham will be able to carry out his wish to visit India this cold weather. While Sir Charles is much inclined to visit the East there are a number of difficulties in the way, and it will be understood that a tour in India, which globe-trotting and theatrical performances are combined needs a good deal of arrangement. Anglo-Indians will be greatly disappointed if the projected tour has to be cancelled and if the famous actor-manager is unable to bring his company with him.

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THE SHUT ON CASE.

The following is the concluding evidence given in the above case at the Marine Court yesterday.

Lieut. G. W. Beckwith was President of the Board; the other members being—Capt. C. V. Lloyd, of the s.s. Fishery; Capt. A. E. Hodgins, of the s.s. Haiyang; Capt. P. H. Rolfe, of the s.s. Yun Sang; and Lieut. Henry Butterworth, of R.M.S. Tamar.

Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, of Messrs. Descon, Looker and Descon, appeared on behalf of the master, Alexander Nelson Shenton. The mate, William James Haslam, was undefended.

The President, on reading Mr. Haslam's previously sworn statement, asked him if he wanted to add anything further.

The Mate: Not much, except that I swear that we waited half an hour for the captain that night.

The President: Anything else?—The master went straight to his cabin. At two o'clock I found him in the messroom.

There was no reason why he shouldn't be there?—It was his watch.

Was the ship under weight?—Yes.

The captain was then recalled. He said that after coming on board on the 18th July, the compendore came to him, and complained that the chief officer had thrown two baskets of passengers' luggage overboard while the ship was at the wharf.

The articles were recovered. He asked the mate what he meant by it.

The ship's compendore deposed to the mate throwing overboard some passengers' luggage while the Shut On was at the wharf on July 18th. He did not report it to the captain.

The engineer, recalled, said he did not see the mate throwing luggage overboard. Cross-examined. He heard it spoken about on board.

The Court was cleared and considered the case in its closing, which was afterwards read in open Court as follows:—

We find the charges made by the master, Alexander Nelson Shenton, against William James Haslam, first mate, proved—that you were drunk on duty during the 18th and 19th July, and that during that time your conduct was prejudicial to good order and discipline and mutinous. Further that the charges made by you against the master were unsubstantiated and therefore vexatious. This Court therefore orders your certificate to be suspended for two years. Given under our hands, Victoria, Hongkong, this tenth day of August, 1909. Charles W. Beckwith, Lieut. R.N., President of the Marine Magistrate's Court; Henry Butterworth, Lieutenant R.N.; Chas. V. Lloyd, master s.s. Fishery; Percy H. Rolfe, Younger Brother of Trinity House.

SPORTING.

Interport Cricket.

Singapore, with the help of Perak and Selangor, will be able to send a team of cricketers to Hongkong in November to play Hongkong and also Shanghai. The last triangular cricket took place in Hongkong in 1904 when the Straits beat every eleven put up against them, and some of their old players are still available. It is a singular fact that Straits cricketers have always been victorious in Hongkong. Perhaps this year the tide will turn, for we have some fairly decent material to draw upon.

County Cricket.

In the matches played on August 2 and 4, says the N.C. Daily News, the Australians beat South Wales at Cardiff by eight wickets; Kent defeated Middlesex at Canterbury by an innings and 32 runs; Surrey beat Nottingham at the Oval by six wickets; Yorkshire defeated Lancashire at Bradford by 100 runs; Sussex beat Hampshire at Brighton by 105 runs; Somersetshire defeated Gloucestershire at Bristol by 116 runs; Essex beat Derbyshire at Derby by 139 runs; Worcestershire defeated Warwickshire at Birmingham by an innings and 233 runs; and Northamptonshire beat Leicestershire at Northampton by an innings and 111 runs.

RESULTS TO AUGUST 4, 1909.									
Counties.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	For.	Against.	Per Cent.	
Kent (2)	19 12	2	6	10	71.43				
Yorkshire (7)	18 10	2	7	8	66.66				
Lancashire (7)	18 11	3	4	8	67.14				
Surrey (3)	22 15	5	7	1	41.18				
Hampshire (9)	15 5	4	6	1	11.11				
Sussex (5)	20 6	3	11	3	33.33				
Middlesex (4)	15 4	4	7	0	00.00				
Northampton (15)	15 7	1	0	0	00.00				
Worcestershire (9)	14 6	2	0	0	00.00				
Nottingham (8)	16 5	3	3	3	25.00				
Somersetshire (15)	15 3	7	5	2	40.00				
Leicestershire (13)	14 2	5	7	2	42.85				
Essex (11)	14 2	5	7	2	42.85				
Warwickshire (12)	13 1	7	6	0	75.00				
Gloucestershire (10)	11 1	10	6	9	81.81				
Derbyshire (14)	16 11	4	10	3	33.33				

The matches between Essex and Leicestershire at Leyton, and Essex and Middlesex at Leyton, were abandoned and are not included in the above table.

Frank Wootton, the boy jockey, who was reported a short while ago as having sustained an accident while riding Arranmore at Ascot, was riding again at Newmarket on July 13, but without success.

It has been decided to raise a memorial in Rajputana to the late Colonel Sir W. Curzon Wyllie, who was for the greater part of his services intimately connected with that part of India.

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The eighty-eighth report of the court of directors to the ordinary half-yearly general meeting of shareholders to be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 21st August, is as follows:—

Gentlemen,—The Directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the bank, and balance sheet for the half-year ending 30th June, 1909.

The net profits for that period, including \$2,008,234.08, balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts, amount to \$5,493,448.41.

The Directors recommend the transfer of \$750,000 from the profit and loss account to credit of the silver reserve fund, which fund will then stand at \$15,250,000.

After making this transfer and deducting remuneration to directors there remained for appropriation \$4,743,448.41, out of which the directors recommended the payment of a dividend of two pence sterling per share, viz.: \$240,000, which at 192½ pence of the day, will amount to \$7,730,627.22.

The balance, \$2,001,819.19, to be carried to new profit and loss account.

Branches and Agencies.—A branch office of the bank was opened at Canton on the 6th July.

Directors.—Mr. G. Friedland having resigned his seat on leaving the Colony, Mr. J. W. Bandow has been invited to fill the vacancy; this appointment requires confirmation at this meeting.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. W. Hutton Potts and Mr. J. W. C. Bonner.

W. J. GRESSON, Chairman.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1909.

LIABILITIES.

Paid up capital ... \$15,000,000.00

Sterling reserve fund ... 15,000,000.00

Silver reserve fund ... 14,500,000.00

Making insurance account ... 250,000.00

Notes in circulation:—

(Unauthorized issue against securities and coin deposited with the Colonies Agents for the Colonies ... 14,149,703.00

Current accounts:—

Silver ... \$35,414,532.37

Gold ... \$24,992,726.10

12s. 6d. = \$6,730,627.22

Fixed deposits:—

Silver ... \$2,018,468.86

12s. 6d. = \$2,964,900.87

11s. 9d. = 11,998,069.83

Bills payable (including drafts on London bankers, call loans and short sight drawings on London office against bills receivable and bullion shipments):—

Exchange and loan account ... 14,063,599.17

Liability on bills of exchange re-discounted, \$4,972,346.38, 10d., of which \$3,671,148.14, 5d. have since run off.

ASSETS.

Cash ... \$55,280,909.72

Loans lodged with the Hongkong Government against authorized and excess note circulation ... 13,000,000.00

Bullion in hand and in transit ... 4,315,563.50

Indian government rupee paper ... 2,099,088.72

Consols colonial and other securities ... 10,213,200.76

Sterling reserve fund (investments):—

\$2,000,000 2½ per cent. consols at 82 ... \$2,990,530

(of which \$250,000 lodged with the Bank of England as a Special London Reserve.)

\$250,000 3½ per cent. national war loan at 90 ... \$229,500

\$250,000 other sterling securities, written down to ... \$279,940

By balance of undivided profits—

At 31st Dec. ... \$113,046,509.47

Bills receivable ... 130,763,412.08

Bank premises ... 1,899,662.65

By amount of net profits for the six months ending 30th June, 1909, after making provision for bad and doubtful debts, deducting all expenses and interest paid and due ... \$5,493,448.41

By balance 31st December, 1908: \$15,000,000.00

To dividend account:—

\$2 per share on 120,000 shares = \$2,400,000 at 191 = \$2,720,627.22

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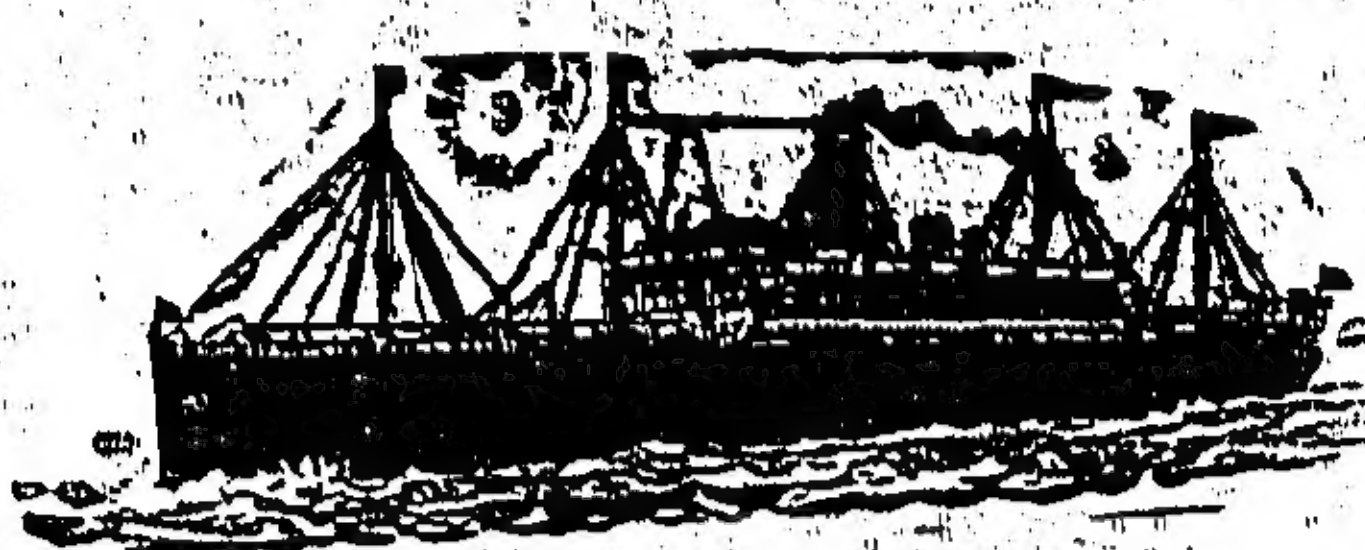
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SYDNEY AND WELBOURNE, Via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNVILLE AND BRISBANE.	KAGA MARU, Capt. M. Hagino, Tons 5500	TUESDAY, 17th Aug., at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI AND KOBE.	SHIMANO MARU, Capt. K. Kwara, Tons 6500	TUESDAY, 14th Sept., at 4 p.m.
BOMBAY, Via SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.	NIKKO MARU, Capt. M. Yagi, Tons 6000	FRIDAY, 3rd Sept., at Noon
KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, Tons 6000	FRIDAY, 1st Sept., at Noon
	YEBOSHI MARU, Capt. B. Kon, Tons 4500	THURSDAY, 12th Aug., at Noon
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	KANAGAWA MARU, Capt. T. Naga, Tons 6500	FRIDAY, 20th Aug., at 5 p.m.
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NEWS FROM ALL SOURCES.

Signor Caruso has conceded to an interviewer that he is paid at the rate of \$60,000 a year for his singing, and that this remuneration will continue at least for the next five years.

Lord Curzon, speaking at Oxford recently, said a little pessimism might be a good thing as a corrective of national vanity and self-esteem, but he ventured to say there was too much of the spirit of decrying themselves abroad in England at this moment.

The British Consul at Nanking (Mr H. King) writing on the trade of that district in 1908, in a report to be issued shortly, says it is probable that in no place in China are there to be found at the present time more signs and indications of the movement in favour of reform on Western lines than in Nanking, with its numerous colleges and educational establishments, its excellent roads, railway enterprises, etc., but the old obstacle of a dearth of funds is blocking the way. Where there is a genuine probability or intention of putting through large undertakings or projects, a decided preference is shown for dealing directly with "special accredited" representatives in China of the home firms or manufacturers concerned, rather than through the medium of foreign (as opposed to "native" or Chinese firms acting as agents in Shanghai or elsewhere.

Lord Hugh Cecil initiated at the Representative Church Council recently an animated debate on the act of legislating marriage with a deceased wife's sister, and a resolution was passed reproaching the use of the Prayer Book service for such marriages.

The King has established a medal to be awarded to brave constables and firemen. The new medal applies to the whole Empire.

A Reuter telegram from Paris states that Mr J. J. Jefferies, the son of a British officer, while visiting the Chateau d'Azay in Touraine, an historic ruin now converted into a museum, about six weeks ago, saw two flags marked for sale, one of which was the flag of a British regiment. He purchased both for £24, the junior explaining that they had been made over to him in return for an advance of that amount. The British flag, which bears the badge of the 48th Foot, was taken by the French at Corfu in or about the year 1814. Mr Jefferies purchased the flags so that he might restore the colour to the regiment, now the 1st bat: the Royal Berkshire Regt. These statements were published by a French morning newspaper, which made a vigorous protest against the sale of trophies of war, which, it says, cost the blood of valiant French soldiers. The second flag is supposed to be Dutch. Both emblems were inherited by a grandson of a former French Governor of the Ionian Isles. "The newspaper contends that the colours are national property.

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MANILA	KWONGSANG	SATURDAY, Aug. 14, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	FOONGSANG	TUESDAY, Aug. 24, at Noon.
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SHANGHAI	ASUTSU	August 12, at 4 p.m.
HOIHOW, PASHOT & RAIPONG	SWATOW	August 12, at 4 p.m.
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